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Applicant(s): Yamagishi et al

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection mailed August 9, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and corresponding fee are provided herewith. No additional fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, in the event any additional fees are necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4518.

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